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Applicant : S. YAMANAKA et al

Serial No. : 10/803,231

Filed : March 17, 2004

For : HOLLOW STEPPED SHAFT AND
METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
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March 8, 2006.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-5, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Applicants also elect Species 1, Embodiment shown in
Figs. 1-7 and 21-23, without traverse.

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